श्री राम अवधेश सिंह : यह सवाल दूसरा है, ऊर्जा से संबंधित है ।

श्री सभापति : यह दूसरा ही सवाल है । जनाब आप बैठ जाइये।

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: I think the honourable Minister is aware that ultimately all energy on this planet is coming from the sun. The sun is the basic energy that we have and the only problem with this energy is that it cannot be stored. I wish more research could be done on storage of energy. I know your department is doing good work in this direction. But I think intensive work needs to be done so that it will solve our problem and change the face of our country in the rural areas. It can only be done by storage of energy, by finding **new methods of storage.** The other problems have already been solved. You take energy from solar cells or from wind...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Minister, he is inquiring about storage.

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: I would like to know whether intensive work is being done for storage of wind energy, electric energy produced by wind and energy produced in other ways. Is the Govenment doing anything about storage?

SHRI VASANT SATHE: Yes. We are very keen and conscious that this problem of storage should be solved. I believe that solar energy is the only energy, is the real solution, to the energy problem of this country and we are depending on the sun.

*144. [*The questioner (Shri Basudeb Mohapatra was absent. For answer* vide cols. infra.]

*145 [*The questioner (Shri Kailash Pati Mishra and Shri Ashwani Kumar) were absent. For answer vide cols.* infra.]

Reconstitution of Coir Board

*146. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:†
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Coir Board has been reconstituted recently;

(b) if so the names of the new Board Members and the nature of interests they represent;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Kerala State where maximum coir and coir products are produced has not been given proper representation in the Board; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) to (d) The Coir Board was reconstituted with effect from 16th September 1988 for a term of 3 years. The names of members of the reconstituted Coir Board are as under:—

(a) Growers of coconuts and producers of husks and coir yarn.

1. Shri V. R. Prasad.

2. Shri Kumud Bhattacharjee—Has since resigned.

3. Shri V. K. Laxmanan.

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri N. E. Balaram.

(b) Persons engaged in the production of husks coir and coir yarn and in the manufacture of coir products.

4. Shri Thachadi Prabhakaran.

5. Shri Kaviad Divakara Panicker.

6. Smt. Kuntala Kumari Acharya.

(c) Manufacturers of coir products.

7. Shri Jagan Phillipose.

8. Shri Peter Alphonse.

9. Shri B. Byrappaji.

(d) Dealers in coir, coir yarn and coir products including both exporters and internal traders.

10. Shri Ravi Karunakaran.

11. Shri Radhakrishna Adiga.

12. Smt. G. Kamala Devi.

(e) Members of Parliament.

13. Shri N. Dennis (Lok Sabha).

14. Shri I. Rama Rai (Lok Sabha).

15. Shri John F. Fernandes (Rajya Sabha).

(f) Governments of principal coconut growing States.

16. Representative of the Government of Kerala.

17. Director of Industries & Commerce, Govt. of Tamil Nadu

18. Representative of the Government of Karnataka.

19. Commissioner of Industries, Government of Andhra Pradesh.

20. Representative of the Government of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

(g) Such other persons or class of persons who in the opinion of the Central Government ought to be represented on the Board.

21. Representative of the Integrated Finance Wing of the Department of Industrial Development, Ministry of Industry, New Delhi.

22. Representative of the Department of Industrial Development, Ministry of Industry, New Delhi.

23. Chairman, Coconut Development Board, Cochin, Kerala.

It is not a fact that Kerala has not been given adequate representation on the Board. On the contrary, excluding eight ex-officio members and three members elected by Parliament, as many as 5 out of 12 members are from Kerala. Five States together account for the remaining 7 members on the Board.

SHRI N. E. BALARAM: According to the Minister's statement out of the 23 members on the Coir Board there are only five members from Kerala He knows that most of the coir and coir products are being exported from that part of the country. Would you please, therefore, increase the representation for Kerala on the Coir Board?

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM: Sir, out of 23 members, 12 represent the public and, out of this 12, five members are from Kerala. I think this is a proper representation for Kerala State.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Seven members for a particular State.

SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Sir, there are...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.